



South Coast Air Quality Management District

21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182
(909) 396-2000 • www.aqmd.gov

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (AQMD) FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PURCHASE NON-PERC ALTERNATIVE DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT

The AQMD appreciates the participation of the dry cleaning community in crafting Rule 1421-Control of Perchloroethylene (Perc) Emissions. Adopting this rule is a very important step in AQMD's effort to reduce air contaminants in our District. To assist dry cleaners to convert to new methods and to help ease the financial burden of converting to new equipment, AQMD has committed \$2.25 million in grants to provide financial assistance to dry cleaners converting to non-toxic alternatives.

Financial incentives for the purchase of new non-perc alternative dry cleaning technologies are limited to AQMD approved professional wet cleaning systems or CO₂ machines only. Please note that grant funds are only available for cleaning equipment listed in the document titled "Equipment Report: CO₂ and Professional Wet Cleaning Technologies." The document can be downloaded at <http://www.aqmd.gov/business/drycleaninggrantsNEW.htm>, or call the AQMD staff listed on the bottom of these instructions to have a copy mailed to you. Additional equipment may be approved by AQMD on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the AQMD representative listed at the bottom of these instructions for additional information. Under this program, grant money will be available to dry cleaning facility owners presenting purchase orders (or purchase agreements) for new non-perc alternatives to replace existing perc machines or to be added to a facility. Grants are limited to one per facility. Amount of the financial incentives for the non-perc alternatives are:

- Each AQMD approved CO₂ cleaning machine will receive a grant of \$20,000.
- Each AQMD approved professional wet cleaning system (AQMD approved washer, dryer, and tensioning pants topper & form finisher) will receive a grant of \$10,000.
- Each AQMD approved incomplete,* professional wet cleaning system will receive a grant up to \$5,000.

With consideration of the Environmental Justice funding priority, first-come-first-served status will be determined by date stamping the applications when they are received. A financial incentive grant will only be approved if the owner of the new non-perc alternative cleaning equipment agrees to the terms and conditions set forth by the AQMD. Verification of a non-perc alternative installation is required before the grant money is distributed to a grant recipient. Please note that AQMD Permits to Construct and Operate or Permits to Operate are required for the installation and operation of hydrocarbon dry cleaning machines. Grant applications for hydrocarbon machines will be approved only after the permits are granted.

* Contact an AQMD representative listed on the next page for details.

1. Complete The GRANT APPLICATION FORM - Application for Financial Assistance for Alternative Dry Cleaning Equipment Purchases. If the information regarding proposed equipment financing (bank loan or lease-to-own) is not available at the time of application submittal, such information shall be submitted to the Public Advisor's Office as soon as possible to allow for the application approval. Funds will not be released until that information is provided.
2. Attach a copy of the manufacturer or distributor's purchase order (or purchase agreement) of the non-perc alternative dry cleaning equipment. Purchase orders (or purchase agreements) issued prior to December 6, 2002 will not be accepted.
3. Read and sign the attached Financial Assistance Grant Terms and Conditions Agreement document.
4. If you are applying for a grant for the purchase of hydrocarbon solvent cleaning equipment and the equipment has not been permitted by AQMD, you must submit a separate permit application and the required fees to AQMD.
5. Complete the "BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST" Form.
6. Complete Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 – "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification".
7. Submit the application packet to:

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Attn: Public Advisor
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

If you have any questions regarding the non-perc financial incentive grant applications, the dry cleaning equipment permit applications, and/or eligibility of an incomplete professional wet cleaning system, please contact the following staff:

Helen Chin

(909) 396-2507

CHECK LIST

- ☐ COMPLETE GRANT APPLICATION FORM
- ☐ COMPLETE AND SIGN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEMENT DOCUMENT
- ☐ COMPLETE AQMD BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST FORM
- ☐ COMPLETE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE W-9 FORM
- ☐ ATTACH A COPY OF THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ORDER OR PURCHASE AGREEMENT (dated after December 6, 2002)
- ☐ SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PUBLIC ADVISOR, AQMD (address is listed above)